

REMARKS

Claims 1, 16, and 17 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1-12, 16, and 17 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Porras et al.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. With respect to claim 1, Porras teaches consolidating alerts that are indicative of a common incident. Porras describes using timestamps to calculate the duration of an incident (6:13-27), but does not describe “an analysis engine configured to identify a backward time step in the logfile by identifying a first entry for which an associated first log entry time is earlier in time than a second log entry time associated with a second log entry entered in the log prior to the first entry,” as recited in amended claim 1. Support for the amendment to claim 1 may be found, without limitation, in the above-captioned application at page 83, line 13 to page 87, line 5. As such, claim 1 is believed to be allowable.

Claims 1-12 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

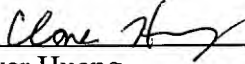
Claim 16 recites a method executed by the system of claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that claim 16 is also allowable.

Claim 17 recites program code for carrying out the method of claim 16. Therefore, it is believed that claim 17 is also allowable.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

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